

Cannon Renewal Project



The Cannon Renewal project ensures the Cannon Building continues to provide space for members of Congress to perform their legislative business. A comprehensive systems upgrade has not occurred since the 1930s, and many of the building's systems are original – dating back to 1908. The systems are past the end of their useful lives and the increasing risk of their failure jeopardizes the building's long-term functionality.

History and Background

The Cannon House Office Building, designed by Carrère and Hastings in the Beaux-Arts style, is the oldest House office building.

The 61st Congress occupied the building in December 1908, and in 1912, the fifth floor, with its 51 rooms, was added to help meet the space needs of the expanding Congress. At approximately 800,000 square feet, the Cannon Building includes 142 Member suites, three committee hearing rooms, the historic Caucus Room and the Rotunda.

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The renewal project is scheduled to take approximately 10 years, with five phases aligned to fall between congressional move cycles.

The initial construction began in early 2015 and finished at the end of 2016. The work included installing building utilities, primarily in the basement and the courtyard. Phase 1 was substantially completed at the end of 2018.

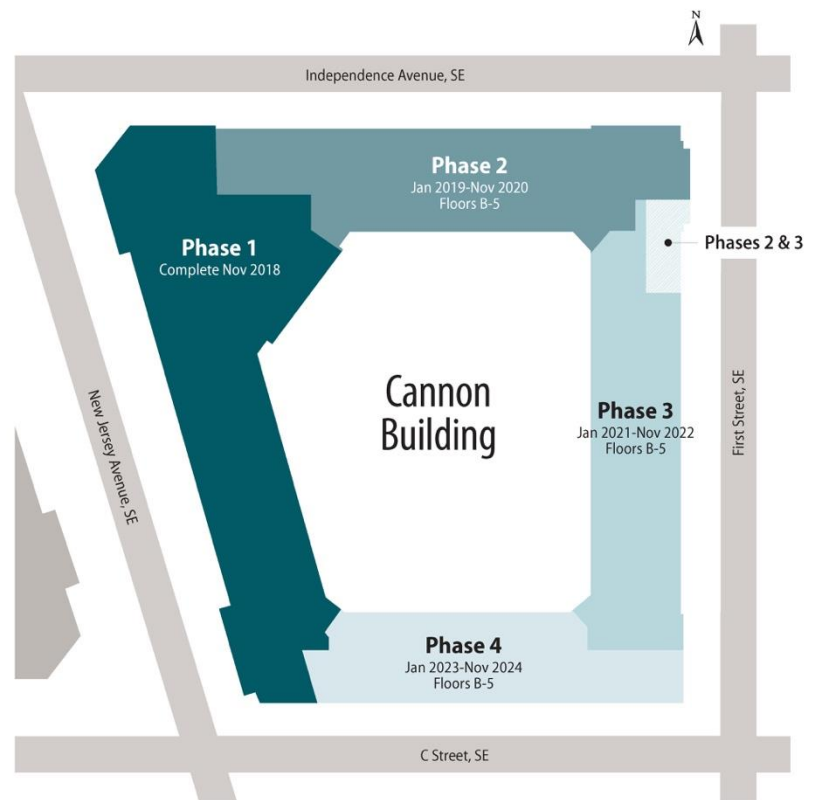
Phase 2 began in January 2019. The entire north side of the building, from the basement to the fifth floor, is closed until the next congressional move cycle in 2020.

Construction work occurs around the clock, with activities ongoing throughout the day and night. Construction activities include demolishing and rebuilding the fifth floor, conserving the exterior stonework and rehabilitating the individual office suites.

The noisiest work takes place during the night and early morning to avoid disturbing the work of Congress. During the evening hours, it may be possible to hear loud construction noise such as jackhammering, grinding, sawing, hammering, scraping and drilling. To the extent possible, the Cannon Renewal team works to minimize the noise impacts of construction activities on members, staff and visitors. We appreciate your patience as we restore this historic building to ensure it will be able to support the House of Representatives for the next 100 years.

More Information

Contact Communications Specialist Addison Pruitt at Addison.Pruitt@aoc.gov. Visit www.aoc.gov/cannon to watch a short video about the project and to find the latest construction photos and project updates.



The Cannon Renewal project is separated into two-year phases and each phase impacts a quarter of the building.